



STATE COURT ADMINISTRATION

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TODD NUCCIO
State Court Administrator

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As you are aware, the Governor recommended a \$1.6 MM de-appropriation for the Judicial Branch, which was followed by a proposed Senate committee de-appropriation of \$4.8 MM. A House bill then proposed a de-appropriation of \$2 MM for the Judicial Branch. Last week, the Senate passed an amended de-appropriation bill with a \$1.6 MM reduction for the Judicial Branch; and, this week, the House filed an amendment with a \$1.6 MM reduction. So, now the Governor, Senate and House are all at a \$1.6 MM reduction for the FY 18 Judicial Branch budget. However, the deal is still not done. There are still negotiations taking place on other issues. Until those matters are settled, we are in a wait and see mode. If the \$1.6 MM sticks, we will not need to do any layoffs or eliminate court services at the local level. We have been holding positions open throughout the year and have accumulated enough lapsed salary to cover this amount.

Thank you for your advocacy on behalf of the Judicial Branch. Your voices have been heard. Once a final decision has been made, I will be in contact.

Have a great weekend.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd Nuccio", written in a cursive style.

Todd Nuccio